



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002
Committee Statement
LB 899

Hearing Date: January 31, 2002
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Connealy, Bruning, Schrock, Cunningham)
Title: Provide requirements relating to renewable fuel

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
X Advanced to General File with Amendments
Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

8	Yes	Senators Bromm, Bruning, Hudkins, Jones, Kremer, Preister, Schrock, Stuhr
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Matt Connealy
Jack Moors
Jay Rempe
Robert Kelly
Loran Schmit
Dean Edson
John Lindsay
Ed Woeppel
Bruce Heine
Todd Sneller
Ken Mass
Sam Scarpello

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Crossroads Cooperative Association
Husker Ag; Kappa Ethanol
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
First National Bank
Nebraska Coop Council
Williams Energy Services
Nebraska Ethanol Board
Nebraska State AFL-CIO
Nebraska Council of Electrical Workers; Omaha
Building and Construction Trades Council;
Nebraska State Utility Workers Conference

Opponents:

Vincent Brown
Rolf Hanson
Dan Hergert

Greg Ruehle

Representing:

American Petroleum Institute
Iowa-Nebraska Petroleum Council
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers and Convenience
Store Association
Nebraska Cattlemen

Neutral:
None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 899 does the following:

- Section 1: States legislative intent, recognizes that renewable fuel and the development of additional sources of fuel will help meet the energy requirements necessary to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare.
- Section 2: (1) Requires each retailer of motor fuel, except retailers who operate with only one tank until January 1, 2007, to offer for sale, at the lowest octane rating sold by the retailer at that location, motor fuel which contains a renewable fuel content equal to or greater than three and one-half percent weight oxygen.
- (2) Allows retailers to also sell other fuel that does not contain a renewable of at least 3.5% weight oxygen.
- (3) Definitions
- Section 3: Requires the Department of Revenue to monitor and maintain a record of wholesale terminal prices of motor fuels, and issue a report on December, 1, 2003 and every year thereafter.
- Section 4: Establishes the operative date of January 1, 2003.
- Section 5: Repealer

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The Committee amendment adds the emergency clause and changes the effective date of the act to July 1, 2002.

On page 2, strike beginning with “until” in line 14 through the comma in line 16, and insert “shall offer for sale.”

Senator Ed Schrock, Chairperson